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Dear Carrie:

Enclosed is the Program Open Space Annual Plan for Wicomico County for fiscal Year 2020. Maps delineating the location of each proposed project are attached for your reference.

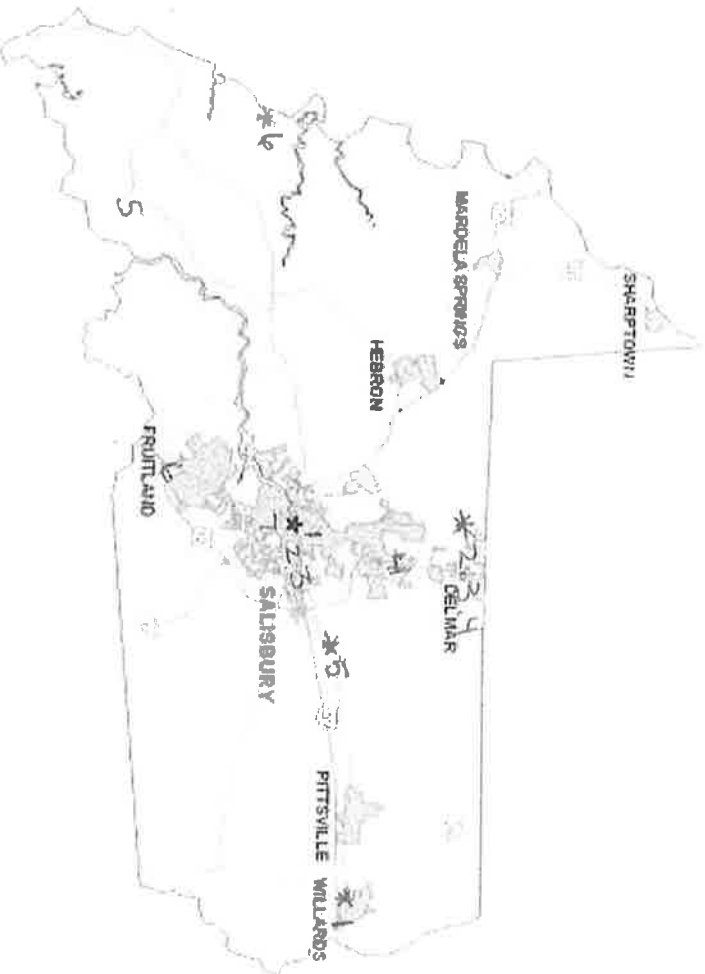
Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Steve Miller
Director

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Cc: MD Dept of Planning
Enclosure

WICOMICO COUNTY PROGRAM OPEN SPACE ANNUAL PLAN-FY 2020



KEY TO SITES

Acquisition Projects

- *1. Eastside Youth Sports Complex Parking Expansion
- *2. Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition-Lot 1
- *3. Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition-Lot 2
- *4. Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition-Lot 3
- *5. Winterplace Park Acquisition
- *6. Cove Road Acquisition

Development Projects

- 1. Nick Meyer Basketball Court
- 2. Schumaker Park Playground
- 3. Schumaker Park Parking Lot Phase II
- 4. Henry S. Parker Development & Amenities
- 5. Pirate's Wharf Park
- 6. City of Fruitland Parking Lot Resurfacing
- 7. Salisbury Zoo- Special Events Pavilion

Wicomico County Annual Program Open Space Plan Fiscal Year 2020

I. INTRODUCTION:

The 2017 Wicomico County Land Preservation, Parks & Recreation Plan (LPPRP) serves as a guide in maintaining the County's quality of life in the face of increasing population. The plan, like its predecessors, lays out measures to use natural resources wisely and provide suitable areas to meet recreational needs for present and future residents of the County. Projects outlined in the LPPRP are designed to stimulate new development, revitalize existing neighborhoods affecting their ability to attract new businesses and residents, generate tourist dollars, increase property values and provide additional tax revenue.

Over the past 40 years, Program Open Space funding has enabled Wicomico County to develop an outstanding system of parks making it a very desirable place to live.

The FY20 POS Annual Plan will focus on 2 primary areas:

1. Maintain safety and functionality through rehabilitation of existing park facilities. Project requests exceed Wicomico's unencumbered POS balance and will be pared down accordingly.
2. Execute new development projects at key park facilities as outlined in the County's LPPRP.

II. PLAN OBJECTIVES:

The Projects under consideration will fulfill the following LPPRP objectives:

RP-1 Continue to address capital rehabilitation funding in order to keep the County Parks system safe and functional.

RP-2 Work with DNR, MDP, MDOT, and local agencies/stakeholders to develop trail systems within the County and increase connectivity to State-owned lands.

RP-3 Develop recreational programming and leisure opportunities for citizens and tourists to enjoy low impact eco-tourism activities such as hiking, biking, equestrian, and non-motorized water sports.

RP-7 Continue to evaluate older playgrounds to ensure compliance with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines

RP-8 Continue to enhance the comprehensive parks maintenance management program to ensure safe and attractive parks and to replace older equipment and vehicles.

RP-11 Continue to bring visitors and dollars into the County by leveraging the County's outstanding recreation and parks system, Board of Education facilities, and facilities operated by private entities.

RP-12 Expand facilities required to attract and expand amateur tournaments.

Projects under consideration for FY20 include maintenance of aging playgrounds and basketball courts, rehabilitation projects at the Salisbury Zoo, two parking lot renovation projects (Schumaker Park and Fruitland Little League), additional park amenities at the Henry S. Parker Athletic Complex, and new development at the Pirate's Wharf property.

III. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS:

Each year municipal councils and recreation boards are asked to submit a list of projects to be considered in the County's Annual POS plan. Selection of projects is recommended by the Wicomico County Recreation Commission, a 14-member citizen board representing all 5 of the planning districts within the County. Recommendations of the Commission are given to the Wicomico County Executive's office for final approval and are included in budget submissions to the Wicomico County Council (for match funding) before being submitted to the State.

The following criteria are employed to evaluate each of the proposed projects:

- Consistency with the County's Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan;
- Available funding including cost/benefit analysis; and
- Evidence of the required local funding match.

The enclosed Annual Plan includes projects as recommended by the Recreation & Parks Commission and County Administration.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ACQUISITION-FISCAL YEAR 2020

SPONSOR	PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Acreage		Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)			
		Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	Federal
Wicomico County	Eastside Youth Sports Complex Parking Lot Expansion	20.4	23.4	3	\$50,000		\$50,000
Wicomico County	Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition-Lot 1	13	16	0.9	\$45,000		\$45,000
Wicomico County	Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition-Lot 2	13	16	0.97	\$36,970		\$32,970
Wicomico County	Mason Dixon Complex Acquisition-Lot 3	13	16	0.65	\$28,545		\$28,545
Wicomico County	LPPRP 2022				\$25,000		\$25,000
Wicomico County	Winterplace Park	35	37.43	2.43	\$180,000		\$180,000
Wicomico County	Cove Road	1.6	3.05	1.45	\$336,800		\$336,800
Total					\$702,315		\$698,315

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE										
ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT-FISCAL YEAR 2020										
SPONSOR		PROJECT NAME, PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Acreage			Source of Funds for Annual Program Only ('000s)				
			Existing	Ultimate	Project	Total	Local	State (POS)	Federal	
1	Wicomico County	Nick Meyer Basketball Court- Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court	5	5	0.1	\$70,000	\$7,000	\$63,000		
2	Wicomico County	Schumaker Park Playground-Replace play module with equipment that is consistent with National Playground Safety Standards	11	11	0.1	\$55,000	\$5,500	\$49,500		
3	Wicomico County	Schumaker Parking Lot Phase II- Mill and repave parking lot to correct erosion and root damage	11	11	0.1	\$75,000	\$7,050	\$67,950		
4	Wicomico County	Henry S. Parker Complex Development and Park Amenities- Replace and/or repair aged bleachers and dugouts on stadium field and fields 1-4 as necessary. The infield material on field 1-4 will also be replaced . Construction of 110 ft home field for the Challenger Little League Program, which is structured for mentally and physically challenged children to participate in ball field activities. Additional park amenities will include new playground equipment that is consistent with National Playground Safety Standards. Project will be completed with appropriate ground covering for fall protection, rehabilitation or addition to existing features including security lighting and park amenities.	41	41	10	\$550,000	\$55,000	\$495,000		
5	Wicomico County	Pirate's Wharf Park-New Development - creation of low-impact outdoor recreation opportunities such as trails and a soft launch/landing and necessary infrastructure	340.7	340.7	150	\$350,000	\$35,000	\$315,000		
6	City of Fruitland	City of Fruitland Parking lot resurfacing- Adding stone to two existing parking lots and replacement of 5 sections of deteriorated concrete curb, miscellaneous milling overlay of existing asphalt and striping of parking lot.	12	12	2.5	\$75,500	\$75,500	\$67,950		
7	City of Salisbury	Salisbury Zoo-Special Events Pavilion-Build a pavilion to host various types of revenue producing events. First phase of construction.	12	12	1	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000		
TOTALS:			\$1,275,500 \$195,050 \$1,148,400							
	Wicomico County	Winterplace Disc Golf-Development/installation of an 18-hole Disc Golf Course	378	378	1	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500		
	Wicomico County	Harmon Field Fence Fabric-replace the aged fence fabric on softball field	3	3	0.1	\$40,000	\$4,000	\$36,000		
	Wicomico County	Indian Village Basketball Court-Resurface and stripe bituminous concrete court	6	6	0.1	\$70,000	\$7,000	\$63,000		
	Wicomico County	Cedar Hill Playground- Replace play module with equipment that is consistent with National Safety Standards	85	85	0.1	\$55,000	\$5,500	\$49,500		